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SUBJECT: BLUMENTHAL/SCHULTZE VISIT MARCH 9

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1. GOC DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE PLANS FOLLOWING SCHEDULE
FOR BLUMENTAL/SCHULTZE VISIT MARCH 9:

0930 ARRIVAL BY JETSTAR FROM WASHINGTON

1015 FIRST ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS, COMMONWEALTH ROOM,
CENTRE BLOCK, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (LOCATION TENTATIVE)

1200 MEETING ENDS. DEPART CENTRE BLOCK FOR LUNCH AT
PEARSON BUILDING, DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

1230 LUNCH BEGINS

1345 LUNCHEON ENDS. DEPART PEARSON BUILDING FOR CENTRE
BLOCK. FINANCE MINISTER CHRETIEN PROCEEDS TO HOUSE OF
COMMONS FOR QUESTION PERIOD. MR. BLUMENTHAL AND MR.
SCHULTZE TO CALL ON SPEAKER OF THE SENATE AND REPRESENTA-
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TIVE OF SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE AND SIGN VISITORS BOOK

1430 (APPROX) MR. BLUMENTHAL AND MR. SCHULTZE TO BE
TAKEN TO VISITORS GALLERY IN HOUSE OF COMMONS TO BE
RECOGNIZED AND INTRODUCED BY FINANCE MINISTER CHRETIEN
FROM FLOOR OF COMMONS. VISITORS MAKE NO VERBAL RESPONSE.

1445 MR. BLUMENTHAL AND MR. SCHULTZE PROCEED TO COMMON-WEALTH ROOM

1500 SECOND ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS

1600 END OF MEETING

1615 JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE (CHRETIEN, BLUMENTHAL, SCHULTZE)

1645 DEPART FOR AIRPORT

1715 WASHINGTON VISITORS EXCEPT MR. SCHULTZE DEPART BY JETSTAR

1740 MR. SCHULTZE LEAVES BY COMMERCIAL FLIGHT.

2. CHRETIEN WILL MEET VISITORS AT AIRPORT. PRESS WILL NOT BE NOTIFIED OF ARRIVAL TIME AND NO ARRIVAL OR DEPARTURE STATEMENT IS PLANNED. ARRIVAL WILL BE AT MILITARY SIDE OF UPLANDS AIRPORT.

3. GOC WILL HAVE LIMOUSINE FOR CHRETIEN, BLUMENTHAL AND SCHULTZE, PLUS SEDAN AT AIRPORT. EMBASSY WILL ALSO HAVE CAR. CARS WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT VISIT.

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4. DRIVING TIME FROM AIRPORT TO TOWN APPROXIMATELY TWENTY MINUTES.

5. FIRST MEETING AT 1015 TENTATIVELY PLANNED FOR COMMONWEALTH ROOM BUT MAY BE CHANGED TO DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE CONFERENCE ROOM. GOC WILL INFORM US OF ANY CHANGE.

6. CHRETIEN WILL ATTEND ALL MEETINGS WITH VISITORS, ACCOMPANIED BY TREASURY BOARD CHAIRMAN ROBERT ANDRAS, DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE TOM SHOYAMA, ASSOCIATE DEPUTY MINISTER WILLIAM HOOD AND AMBASSADOR PETER TOWE. OTHER CANADIAN OFFICIALS WHO MAY ATTEND ARE GERALD BOUEY, GOVERNOR OF BANK OF CANADA, AND POSSIBLY OTHERS FROM DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, TREASURY BOARD AND DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. FINANCE OFFICIALS ARE SEEKING TO LIMIT SIZE OF CANADIAN SIDE TO SEVEN PERSONS. GOC EXPECTS U.S. SIDE TO BE MADE UP OF SEVEN PERSONS: SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL, CHAIRMAN SCHULTZE, AMBASSADOR ENDERS, WIDMAN, SHAFER, LAITIN, AND EMBASSY NOTETAKER.

7. TRAVEL TIME BY CAR FROM CENTRE BLOCK (PARLIAMENT

BUILDING) TO PEARSON BUILDING ABOUT TEN MINUTES.

8. LUNCHEON WILL BE IN SMALL DINING ROOM IN DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, WHICH IS LIMITED TO FOURTEEN PERSONS. CHRETIEN WILL NOT MAKE ANY PREPARED TOAST, BUT POSSIBLY MAY MAKE SOME EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF WELCOME AT LUNCH.

9. JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE (BLUMENTHAL, SCHULTZE, CHRETIEN) WILL PROBABLY BE AT NATIONAL PRESS CLUB, FIVE MINUTE WALK FROM CENTRE BLOCK. GOC WILL CONFIRM LOCATION.

10. GOC PLANS NO EXCHANGE OF GIFTS.
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11. AGENDA. OFFICIALS AT DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AT MEETING MARCH 1 DID NOT GO MUCH BEYOND ORIGINAL PROPOSALS (SEE OTTAWA 538) RE SEQUENCE OF TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED, IN KEEPING WITH DESIRE TO KEEP AGENDA FLEXIBLE. THEY SUGGESTED THAT DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC OUTLOOK AND MACRO POLICIES MIGHT LEAD TO REVIEW OF ADEQUACY OF TRADITIONAL POLICY INSTRUMENTS, SITUATION IN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL MARKETS, AND MANAGEMENT OF DOLLAR.

12. BILATERAL ISSUES. FINANCE OFFICIALS INDICATED IT

WAS "POSSIBLE" CHRETIEN MIGHT MENTION BILATERAL ISSUES DURING TALKS. THEY STRESSED THAT THERE WAS NO EXPECTATION OF GETTING INTO DETAILS OF ISSUES, MUCH LESS NEGOTIATING OR RESOLVING ANY. THEY AGAIN PROMISED ADVANCE NOTICE OF ANY BILATERAL ISSUES WHICH WOULD BE RAISED. EMBOFFS STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF NOTICE IN AS FAR IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE OF ANY BILATERAL ISSUES TO BE RAISED.

13. EMBOFF WARREN CLARK WILL BE IN WASHINGTON MARCH 2 AND 3 FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH TREASURY, CEA, AND STATE RE VISIT ARRANGEMENTS. SCHEDULE PROPOSED ABOVE BY GOC COULD BE TIGHTENED UP AFTER LUNCH AND PRIOR TO VISIT TO PARLIAMENT, BRIEF STOP AT EMBASSY MIGHT BE INCLUDED AT THAT POINT. ENDERS
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